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## Governors race tops ticket on Tuesday

BY STEVE LEBLANC  
AND TOM ROSE  
STAFF WRITERS

Arlington residents heading to the polls Tuesday will find several headlining state races, but little in terms of local contests.

With state senator and representative selections decided in the September primary — when voters nominated Sen. Robert Havern III and Reps. Jim Marzilli to run unopposed Tuesday — voters must look to the Middlesex district attorney's race and the 7th District Congressional contest for the nearest thing to a local vote.

The Congressional race features a rematch of U.S. Rep Edward Markey, D-Malden, and Lexington Republican Patricia H. Long. Markey defeated Long with 70 percent of the vote in 1996. The vote is also expected to be lopsided in the district attorney's contest where Arlington resident Martha Coakley, a Democrat and former prosecutor, squares off against political newcomer Republican Lee Johnson of Med-

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## House hunting?

This week's Home Buyers' Guide offers tips on buying, selling, negotiating and web sites.

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**WORKING**  
A HELP WANTED SECTION WORTH EMPLOYING

## Board votes down Osco store

BY LINDSEY BLAIVAS  
STAFF WRITER

There was no outburst or cry of delight from the 175 audience members Monday night. But there was no doubt that most of them were very surprised by the outcome. After eight months of deliberation, the Redevelopment Board denied Osco a special permit construct a new drugstore at the corner of Mill and Jason Streets.

American Stores Properties purchased the land, the former Time Oldsmobile site in November 1997 for \$2.1 million. Mon-

day's decision left the company pondering it's next move.

"We never thought they would make a decision tonight," said longtime opponent Tom Magliozzi, who was instrumental in rallying opponents to write letters to the board. "What we expected was a postponement, but I could not be happier with the decision."

Robert Muldoon, counsel for American Stores Properties, said he is unsure of what Osco will do next. The company can appeal the decision in court once a written decision is filed by the board.

The final decision resulted from the board's conclusion that the proposed development did not comply with one of the seven zoning bylaws having to do with traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.

Chairperson Nora Mann began the final leg of a process that has stretched over eight months and five continued hearings, by saying, "I have received countless phone calls at my home for the last eight months, and I would like to make something very clear. Neither the town nor the board is against or for Osco. We are here solely to assess whether the proposal complies with

the by-laws."

Mann also warned the public that clapping, booing, and yelling would not be tolerated.

"The public behaved horribly at the last hearing. I expect everyone to respect not only the board, but every single person around you," Mann said.

Mann acknowledged at the outset of the hearing that the current proposal for the site is significantly smaller than the first plan and that Osco has complied with all the board's demands. But the tables turned

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Howard Clery looks at his wife Constance in jubilation after being honored by members of the Arlington High School Class of 1948 at its 50th reunion at the DoubleTree Hotel in Waltham Saturday.

## AHS Class of '48 honors Clery

BY SARAH BOLLINGER  
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

"Don't you all look wonderful," exclaimed Jane Mattaliano Tibur, as the Arlington High School Class of 1948's 50th Reunion Committee posed for its photograph at the DoubleTree in Waltham Saturday night.

"You can take people out of Arlington but you can't take the Arlington out of them," she added.

Of the original 482 graduates, 140 had come together for a series of weekend events culminating in a dinner for 215,

"spouses and significant others included," said Charles Freni, committee treasurer. "We may be senior citizens, but we are still alive."

Their liveliness held up through a luncheon to honor the class football team, a cocktail party to greet those hailing from afar and a grand reunion dinner that ended in dancing to 1940s tunes that played on late into the night. But judging from the success of earlier 10th and 25th reunions, the committee expected strong class spirit.

Caldwell, Freni and Jean DiFazio Burg thanked others in

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## Next phase of schools project eyed for spring

BY LINDSEY BLAIVAS  
STAFF WRITER

With construction on the new Brackett School and renovations to the Hardy and Bishop schools in the beginning stages, the School Committee is already starting to plan for rebuilding the four remaining elementary schools.

At Tuesday's School Committee meeting, Chairman Martin Thrope suggested that the committee consider approaching Town Meeting in December for funds to plan for work at the Dallin, Thompson, Stratton, and Peirce schools.

"The longer we wait to start this process, the longer we will have until we see results," said Thrope.

But after a motion to submit a warrant article for December's Special Town Meeting was denied, the board decided to submit the article at the regular Town Meeting in April. While Town Meeting can allocate funds for planning the reconstructions, it is anticipated that another debt exclusion override will be necessary to fund the work.

The step forward in planning followed a presentation by NESDEC (New England School Development Council), the firm hired to study and project enrollment increases and demographics for Arlington's schools, which gave its final report to the committee on Tuesday.

The report will supply the committee with all the necessary information to begin plans on the next four schools.

NESDEC's Senior Associate of Planning William Zimmerman told the board that elementary school enrollment has increased 6 percent in the last decade, while high school enrollment has decreased. But as elementary students move up, the high school enrollment will increase over the next decade, while elementary enrollment is projected to remain stable.

NESDEC's suggestions for the size and number of classrooms are based on the enrollment projections.

The report presents three options for the Peirce School, one of the most challenging parts of the

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## Study helps unveil the secrets of successful schools

BY CHRIS SZECZENYI  
AND VANESSA PARKS  
CNC STAFF WRITERS

To unlock one of the secrets of a successful school, just step inside Constance Smithwood's classroom designed for children who need help reading.

"Can you read the whole sentence?" she asks a first-grader at Shaker Lane School in Littleton. "To-day we had a fire dr-ill," the boy says slowly, after learning how to isolate the sounds of each letter.

This reading class, designed by Lesley College in Cambridge, is just one of the tools used by teachers in many of the "most effective" schools identified in a recent study by Robert Gaudet of the University of Massachusetts' Donahue Institute.

Gaudet concluded that Littleton is one of 35 towns where schoolchildren score higher on standardized tests than expected, given the social and economic background of their communities.

"They're not the 'best' schools. They're the most effective schools," Gaudet explained. What does it mean to be on the list?



Vincent D'Antona, director of guidance and counseling services at Arlington High School, helps senior Brian Cyr, 17, with a college application Friday morning.

"It means students are probably getting something extra from their schools," Gaudet said. "And those schools are more likely to be able to ratchet up and meet any

new standards."

Gaudet's study has drawn attention from some of the state's leading education officials who believe his method may be one of

the best ways to evaluate schools' progress, as the commonwealth enters the last stages of Education Reform.

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**ED REFORM:**  
**5 Years Later**  
— CHAPTER 2 —

## Success measured student-by-student

BY LINDSEY BLAIVAS  
STAFF WRITER

College placements, SAT scores, extra curricular programs and individual teachers often play a part in a school system's reputation. In Arlington, school officials worry that what they perceive as a solid reputation may be in jeopardy with upcoming results from state standardized testing and continuing struggles with state funding.

While test scores — especially the MCAS results due out next month which Arlington High School Principal Charles McCarthy predicts will be a "disaster" — and college admittance all play a role in the opinions of the public, Supt. Kathleen Dono-

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## MEETINGS

Nov. 2  
The Board of Selectmen, 7:15 p.m., Board of Selectmen Room, Town Hall

Nov. 3  
Permanent Town Building Committee, 7:30 p.m., Office of the Superintendent, Arlington High School

Capitol Planning Committee, 4 p.m., first floor conference room, Town Hall Annex

Millennium Celebration Committee, 7:30 p.m., Hearing Room, Town Hall

Nov. 4  
Arlington Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Arlington High School

p.m., Arlington High School

Dallin Art Museum Committee, 7:30 p.m., the Jefferson-Cutter House, lower level, 1 Whittemore Park

Vision 2020 Standing Committee, 7:30 p.m., second floor conference room, Town Hall Annex

Nov. 5  
Arlington Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., DPW conference room, second floor, Town Hall Annex

Thompson School Council, 3:30 p.m., library at the Thompson school

## ROUNDUP

## Selectmen meet to decide TM issues

The Arlington Board of Selectmen planned to meet after The Advocate's deadline Wednesday to discuss the possibility of opening the warrant for a Special Town Meeting.

Selectmen were expected to pick Wednesday, Dec. 2 as the date of the special meeting. The action comes after William Rowe, of Rowe and Associates of Water Street, filed a request bearing the signatures of the required 200 residents.

Rowe wants Town Meeting to consider revoking a bylaw that requires builders to obtain a local builders license to work in Arlington.

## Building committee seeks board member

The Arlington Permanent Town Building Committee seeks a qualified person fill a vacancy.

The primary purpose of the committee is to study, consider and make recommendations relative to construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement and other undertakings pertaining to all municipal building projects of the town.

Interested parties should send cover letter and resume to the office of the Board of Selectmen, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, 02476. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

## Absentee voters deadline Nov. 2

Town Clerk Corinne M. Rainville, issued a reminder to absentee voters that noon Monday,

Nov. 2, is the final time for applying for absentee ballots for the upcoming state election, except for persons admitted to a health care facility within five days of the election.

The deadline for applications applies to both those voting in person at the Town Clerk's Office (who will be away on the day of the election) and voters applying by mail due to absence or disability. However, for those whose ballots must be mailed, sufficient time must be allowed for the ballots to be sent by mail and either returned by mail or hand delivered before the polls close on Election Day.

The only exception to the deadline for receiving ballots on Election Day is for overseas ballots for this election only, which may be received up to 10 days after the election. (This does not apply to Town Elections and State Primaries.)

## Rotary Club hosts Big Dig presentation

The Arlington Rotary Club and the Arlington-based Brigham's, Inc. — creator of the "Big Dig Ice Cream Sundae" — have combined forces to sponsor a presentation about the other Big Dig: the Central Artery/Tunnel Project of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

The hour-long presentation will be held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the Arlington American Legion facility located at 370 Massachusetts Ave.

Coffee, muffins and donuts will be served and while there is no charge for attending, contributions (suggested amount \$5) will be used for the Rotary Club's general charitable endeavors which include scholarships for Arlington students and several other worthwhile causes.

## The Write Stuff

## Local author Lombreglia honored with prestigious writing award

LAUREN BYRNE  
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

Ralph Lombreglia, an Arlington writer/teacher/Internet consultant, has been working to finish a novel for several years, but frequent interruptions have kept him from completing the work. When he picks up a literary award tonight in New York tonight, he hopes to have found the means to put aside the interruptions.

Lombreglia is one of ten up-and-coming writers who will receive a \$30,000 check from the Whiting Foundation. The foundation has awarded \$300,000 each year since 1985 to such writers as Jorie Graham, Tony Kushner, Tobias Wolff, Mona Simpson and August Wilson.

The awards provide encouragement in the form of financial support to "people who look like they could use some help doing something beyond what they've already done." That's how Lombreglia explains the award, which he will be presented at the Pierpont Morgan Library. The announcement of his success came pleasantly out of the blue, since writers do not apply for the award but rather are proposed by nominators from across the country.

"I got a phone call about three or four weeks ago," Lombreglia said. "I was stunned."

A recent book on the subject of the writing life was aptly named *The Dangerous Profession*. Success is uncertain no matter how good you are and money is generally something you have to earn in other ways. But Lombreglia, a native of Newark, N.J., who lives in Arlington Heights with his wife and 7-year-old daughter, is a practiced juggler at this stage. A frequent contributor to *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic Monthly* and author of two collections of short stories, he is also writer-in-residence at Emerson College and teaches a course on the novella at Boston University, and when not designing web sites, he writes on the subject of digital culture for *The Atlantic Monthly's* online magazine.

Most recently Lombreglia spent an intense 18 months working with his wife on a CD-ROM project on Jack Kerouac, which was subsequently published by Penguin Electronic.

"It turned out really well," he said of the CD-ROM called *A Jack Kerouac ROMnibus*. "It got great reviews. But my fiction writing stopped, of course."

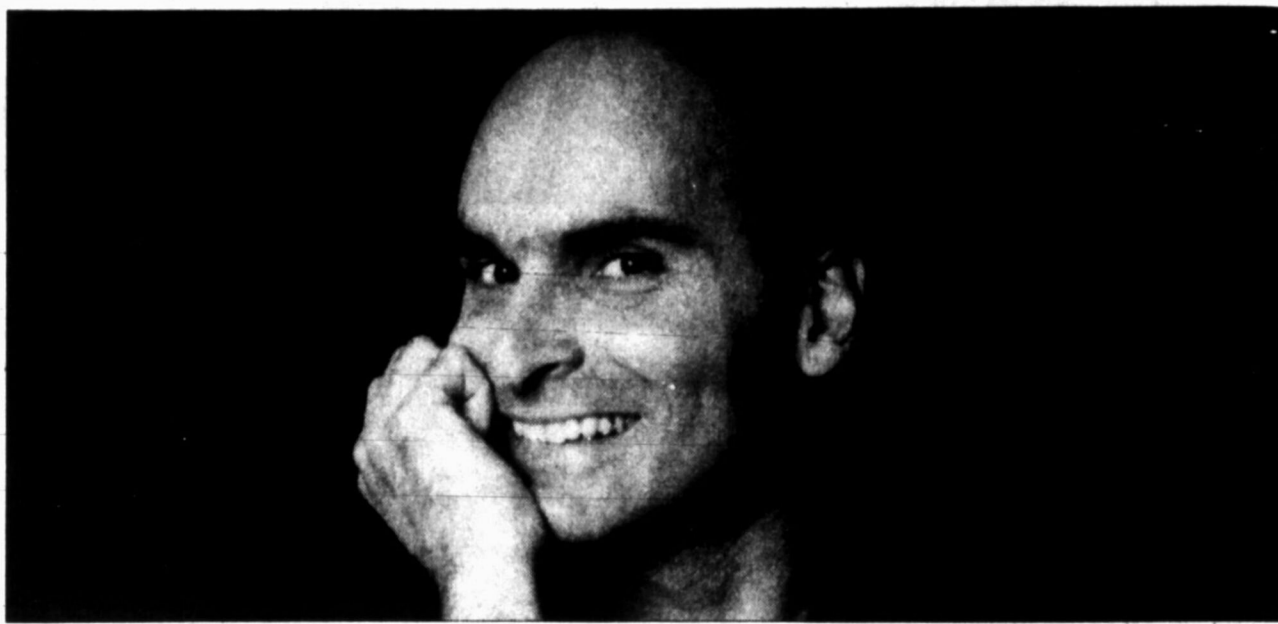


PHOTO BY MIKKI ANSIN

Ralph Lombreglia will be awarded a Whiting Foundation Award for his literary work, which includes the book *Make Me Work*.

The Whiting prize money should allow him to ease up on some of his commitments at least for a year, in which time he hopes to complete his novel. The award is by no means Lombreglia's first recognition. He has received Guggenheim Foundation and NEA grants, and his two books of short fiction were well-received.

"From the first sentence, you find yourself relaxing. Soon you find yourself loving his world, wanting to meet his friends." That's what *The New York Times Book Review* said of *Make Me Work*, Lombreglia's second collection of short stories, published in 1994 (*Men Under Water*, his first collection, was published in 1991). His stories conjure up a familiar world; one littered with references to contemporary music and technology, of men avoiding the complications of marriage and fatherhood, trying to prolong the party a little longer, and women knowing where the real party is. There are enough ambivalences to make you accept his stories as representations of life, and enough comic inventiveness to make you hope they are.

"I think I am trying to say something reasonably optimistic about human beings," he said. "I write mostly stories with fairly happy upbeat endings, but sometimes rueful too. It's not simply a comic ending a la a feel-good Hollywood movie. I think it's more complicated than that but for the most part I'm a fairly optimistic writer." Lombreglia pauses to reflect and then

laughs, "I'm not so sure I'm so optimistic in daily life. I think I'll even go on record as saying my much better self comes out in my writing."

Lombreglia made up his mind early to be a writer. He was 11 years old and had a passion for reading. Digressions along the way — as a construction worker, bookstore clerk, and a stint as librarian at Harvard — have provided him with useful writing material.

"The first reason I write is because I got such a kick out of reading," he explains. "I had so much pleasure from specific writers — Laurence Sterne, Jonathan Swift, and Dickens meant a lot to me. But the writer who made more of an impression on me than anybody, and I think is the reason I actually sat down and tried, was Nabokov."

"I write because I love to read certain things and I like to write things that might do the same for other people."

While a lot of writers hate technology with its implications for a future without books, Lombreglia stands out from the crowd. An English major at Syracuse University in upstate New York in the 1970s, he combined his literary interests with electric guitar playing and building his own amplifiers.

"The world of electronics in general has always been a big interest of mine," he said. "And when computers became more commonplace in the mid-80s, I naturally wanted one. As a writer, I saw clearly what the benefits were — I'm a decent typist but to achieve a clean copy

without mistakes I would have to sit and devote the bulk of the day to retyping. Then I got to thinking, Well, how do you program a computer? And how do you do graphics on a computer? And what are all the other secrets of it? And I was intrigued in a way that most literary people are not."

And while some writers feel that the computer spells the death of civilization as we know it, Lombreglia's position is bullish.

"There was a time when there wasn't any cinema, isn't it possible that there will be some other form of narrative and dramatic expression, some other way to tell stories, done in an electronic form, that might be really enchanting?"

"A lot of people think that technology is inherently hostile to the humanities and I think that's just nonsense. I don't think the world of print has that much to worry about because the effects that a great writer can achieve are really not reproducible anywhere else. That's the only way you can get those pleasures — in text. Now maybe the text someday will be on small lightweight illuminated panels; maybe it won't be on paper, but the activity of reading print, I just don't think is going anywhere."

"I've never been afraid of it," Lombreglia said of technology, defining the stumbling block for many people. "I fear only the limited amount of time in which you have to do it well. Now that I'm middle aged, it's even worse. The only thing that scares me is that there's not enough time to do it all."

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# Knife robber pleads guilty in seven cases

BY AMY JOHNSON  
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John Downey, a Woburn resident whom a grand jury indicted this summer on nine counts of armed robbery, was sentenced 13 to 15 years in jail after changing his plea to guilty in Middlesex Superior Court Wednesday morning.

Downey committed seven robberies in Woburn, Stoneham, Burlington and Arlington between May 29 and June 24.

His lawyer, Andrea Rasnick of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, said Downey changed his plea because he wanted to take responsibility for his actions. Downey was under the influence of alcohol during the robberies, Rasnick told the court.

"He has made clear from the beginning he will take responsibility for this. He is very remorseful and very sorry," she told Judge Paul Chernoff to support her request for a sentence of eight to 10 years, rather than the 15 to 20 years for which the prosecutor asked.

"Mr. Downey has two children ... he has had a difficult life since he was 10 years old. He has been severely alcoholic since he was 15," Rasnick said. She also told Chernoff that Downey suffered physical and mental abuse as a child. She said his parents were alcoholics and he lived in many foster homes as a child.

Rasnick told the court she was not offering Downey's history as an excuse for his behavior, but she wanted to make Downey's past clear to Chernoff.

Rasnick said Downey held a job as a medical technician and had been sober for two years around 1995, but he began drinking again, which lead to problems.

"This is very unfortunate because he was doing very well," she said.

The Assistant District Attorney prosecuting the case, Gerard Butler, said after the proceedings he had hoped for a longer sentence, but "the judge considers all the evidence" and decided what was best.

Butler said the change of plea is not something to which the District Attorney's office can object.

The nine charges of armed robbery, one charge of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and one charge of larceny under \$250 stemmed from seven robberies Downey committed in Woburn, Stoneham, Burlington and Arlington between May 29 and June 24 of this year.

Butler told the court Downey robbed stores in Stoneham and Arlington, and a Howard Johnson's Hotel in Burlington. The Arlington robbery took place June 14 at Hair Company West, 13 Medford St. He took money from the cash register and jewelry from two women who were cleaning windows inside the business, which had closed for the evening.

Butler told the court Downey threatened most of his victims with a knife, screwdriver or ice pick and stole cash from them. Downey also stole a credit and an ATM card from two victims and jewelry from other victims.

Downey has been in custody since a June 26 hearing in Woburn District Court found Downey too dangerous to be released into the public. His case was transferred from District Court to Superior Court upon his indictment by a grand jury.

Downey will serve his sentence at Massachusetts Correctional Institute at Cedar Junction.

# Center for the Arts celebrating 10th anniversary

On Saturday, Nov. 7, the Arlington Center for the Arts celebrates its 10th birthday with a special gala and anniversary ball. The Masques and Mirrors theme does not require costumes or masks, but the guest celebrity judges have mentioned they favor, "those who come as a car or come as you are." Dancing will be to the music of The Band that Time Forgot, recreating the sounds of the 60s and 70s. Desserts and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Gourmet Caterers. The event has been made possible through the generosity of Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates with in-kind support from Dame Associates. Local businesses contributing to the gala include Alewife Brook Community Pediatrics and Johnny's Footmaster. A special balloon auction will be a feature of the gala with prizes donated by Alden Merrell, The Children's Museum, Divinity Splendor Glow, the Kendall Square Cinema, Le Meridian, the Maxima Art Center, and the Museum of Fine Arts.

The Arlington Center for the Arts was founded in 1988, the shared vision of five local artists — Stephen Carter, Jean Flanagan, Paula Gassman, Nancy Kriebel, and David Whitledge — who wanted to establish a community art center where artists in all media could have studio space, share their work with other artists, and offer classes for children and adults. In September 1988 the founders shared a booth at Town Day with the Arlington Arts Council, and in late January 1989 the Arts Center officially incorporated as a non-profit

membership organization. The next spring an ad was placed in *The Arlington Advocate* looking for other artists interested in sharing their work with the larger Arlington community. Responses trickled in and the very first Heart of the Arts, now an annual spring festival for the celebration of the arts in Arlington, was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

In the fall of 1989, the Arlington Center for the Arts moved into the former Gibbs Junior High in East Arlington. The Underground Railway Theater, the Arts Center's primary theater-in-residence, was the first tenant. Even though she had to help build the first theater stage from scratch, Debra Wise, URT's artistic director remembers, "We were ecstatic to find this space and have a home." The Underground Railway Theater was soon followed by 16 artists, including painters, writers and musicians, who sublet the newly created studio spaces. During its first year in its new home, the Arts Center began offering classes for adults and children, vacation and summer arts' camps, a series of poetry and prose readings by local residents, and a cultural lecture series.

MaryEllen Sakura, co-chair of the Arlington Center for the Arts Gala Committee, recalled the early years, "Musicians, from jazz to classical, performed, often for free, to children in schools. Kids performed plays with no scenery. The Underground Railway Theater performed with symphony orchestras in Cleveland, Greece, Spain...and in East Arlington! Now we

have a music series with performers from Scotland, drummers from Brazil, and singers from South America...and Steve Cummings from Arlington. They have all taught, they have performed, and they have contributed to what makes this truly an Arlington Center for the Arts."

"Today the Arts Center offers more than 150 classes, workshops, camps, art exhibitions and special events annually. The resident artists and two theater companies continue to make the Arts Center a vibrant place for artistic activity," states the Arts Center executive director, Lauren O'Neal, "Our new Open to the World concert series, the Tuesday evening New Theatre Works nights, and the Gibbs Gallery exhibition series are exciting recent contributions."

The Arlington Center for the Arts has established itself as a vital part of the area's cultural community, with programs serving residents of Arlington and surrounding communities. The Center also collaborates with other arts and civic organizations, as in the current Dallin Art Lecture Series, co-sponsored with the Cyrus E. Dallin Museum of Art.

Gala co-chair Sakura states, "Ten years have passed. We have taught over 500 classes and camps to thousands of people; thousands more have attended the Heart of the Arts, the winter holiday celebration, plays and concerts. Our leadership has changed but the mission remains the same: to share and to teach the diversity of the arts to the people of Arlington and beyond."

## BIRTHS

### Aidan Christopher Schmidt

A son, Aidan Christopher Schmidt was born Sept. 22, 1998 to Natalia Sherbovich and Chris Schmidt of Arlington.

Grandparents are Jeri and Arthur Schmidt of Chicago and Vera and Alexei Dudko of Russia.

### Paul William Murray

A son, Paul William Murray, was born Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1998 at Mount Auburn Hospital to Brian and Deborah Murray of Lexington. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Murray of Arlington.

### Neva Lord Coovert

Robin M. Lord and Cary Coovert of Lombard Terrace, Arlington

announce the adoption homecoming of their daughter, Neva Lord Coovert, born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on March 8, 1998.

Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Lord of Holcomb, NY, and Mrs. James W. Coovert of Killeen, Texas.

Neva is welcomed home by her sister, Marisol Lord Coovert.

### Taylor David Goodwin

A son, Taylor David Goodwin was born on Monday, Sept. 28, 1998 at Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, to Nancy and David Goodwin of Framingham, formerly of Arlington.

Grandparents are Jane McQueeney of Sudbury, and Rolf and Peggy Hammer of New Milford, Conn.

Great-grandparent is H.F. Goodwin.

### Tadhg McKay

A son, Tadhg McKay was born Oct. 14, 1998 to Seaghan McKay and Beth Whitmore-McKay of Arlington.

The grandparents are Maureen and William J. McKay II of Mashpee and Marilou and Howard Whitmore of Falmouth.

Great-grandparents are William J. McKay Sr. of Sandwich, Elizabeth McKay of Mashpee and Grace and George Beres of Hudson; and Marcella Whitmore of Ashland, N.H.

### Colin William Greene

William and Joanne (Powers) Greene of North Easton, announce the birth of their son, Colin William, on Oct. 3, 1998 at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton.

Maternal grandparents are Ann M. Powers and the late Frank L. Powers of Arlington.

Paternal grandparents are Irene (Wiles) Greene and the late William T. Green Sr. of Brockton.

Colin is welcomed home by his brother, Daniel.

## POLICE LOG

### Oct. 21

At 6:55 p.m., police arrested Vaughn Gaudreau, 50, of 1497 Massachusetts Ave., and charged him with violation of a restraining order.

Police went to the residence to serve the restraining order. Upon arrival, police informed Gaudreau of the order, which required him to leave the residence. At this point, he became agitated and enraged. He refused to leave and police informed him that if he did not he would be arrested. Finally Gaudreau agreed to leave but stated that he would not give up the key to his room. When he refused to give up the key a second time, police placed him under arrest and transported him to the station.

### Oct. 22

At 10:30 p.m., police arrested Marie Harold, 31, of 41 Circuit Lane, Waltham, and charged her with a default warrant.

At 9:40 p.m., police arrested William Stathakis, 18, of 16 Swan St., and charged him with disorderly person and minor transporting alcohol.

### Oct. 23

At 6 p.m., police arrested Hector Navarro, 43, of 100 Gardner St., and arrested him on an outstanding warrant.

Police pulled over Navarro after noticing that his car did not have an inspection sticker. When officers were told there was a warrant on file for his arrest, he was transported to the station.

### Oct. 24

At 10:30 p.m., police arrested Robert Pearson, 42, of 171 Cambridge Rd., Woburn for operating under the influence of liquor.

Police responded to the area of Lake Street for a report of an erratic driver. A man who witnessed the driver called the police on his cellular phone and explained that the driver had struck the bridge embankment, drove over the median and then had attempted to flee toward the Route 2 access road.

Police located the car on the access road. Pearson was standing next to the car. Police approached him and asked him what happened. He said, "You got me, you know what happened." Police asked him who was driving the car and he answered, "I was."

Police noticed a strong odor of alcohol on Pearson's breath and his speech was slurred. Police then asked him to perform several sobriety tests but was unable to complete them.

Police then placed him under arrest and transported him to the station.

### Oct. 25

At 1:30 p.m., police arrested Louis Roy, 38, of 354 Jackson St., Lawrence, and charged him with operating after revocation for certain offenses, possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle, and possession of drugs.

At 5:20 p.m., police arrested Stephen Cutone, 30, of 22 Butterfield Road, and charged him with possession of marijuana.

While on Massachusetts Avenue, an officer smelled marijuana coming from the car in front of him. Police pulled the car over and asked the driver if there was any marijuana in the car. Cutone responded that there was at which point police retrieved 2 1/2 bags of a substance believed to be marijuana and a pack of rolling papers, according to police reports.

Police then placed Cutone under arrest and transported him to the station.

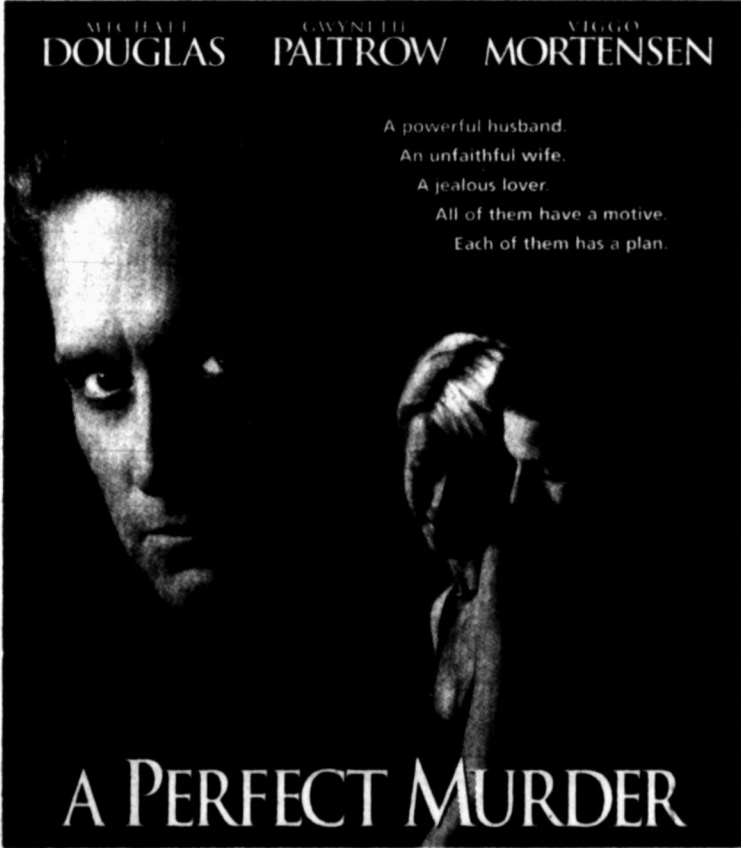
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BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

**The House and Senate** — There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC records local senators' and representatives' votes on two roll calls from action overriding Governor Cellucci's vetoes of items in the \$19.55 billion fiscal 1999 state budget.

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**1. Adult Education (H 5700)** — The House, 148-2, Senate, 39-0, overrode Governor Cellucci's veto of a budget section creating an optional program which allows, but does not require, teachers of adult education to be certified by the state. Under current law, there is no certification process and it is left to individual adult education programs to set their own standards for teachers. Several adult education programs, including those based in public schools and prisons, now require that their teachers be certified like all other teachers for kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12). Under state law, these teachers must also be recertified every five years in their field. Override supporters said requiring K-12 certification and recertification for adult education teachers is not a good system because the teachers are teaching adults, not children. They said if the state creates an optional certification program for adult education teachers, most prison and public school-based programs will likely use this as their new certification process. They argued this will ensure these teachers are qualified in the adult education field and are not wasting their time being recertified in areas unrelated to adult education. In his veto message, the governor said adults, unlike children, can exercise their choice among programs and curricula. He noted this creates competition which holds adult educa-

tion programs and their teachers accountable. (A "Yes" vote is for the optional certification of adult teachers. A "No" vote is against it.)

**2. Business Development Grants (H 5700)** — The House, 149-1, Senate, 39-0, overrode the governor's veto of \$500,000 in funding for several grants to be administered by the Mass. Office of Business Development. The grants include \$100,000 for the center for women and enterprise which provides consulting services for new and existing women-owned businesses; \$150,000 for a ship building technology institute at the Mass. Maritime Academy; and \$100,000 for the I-495 Technology Corridor Campaign for Shared Solutions — a group working on a regional approach to local and state issues around the 495 area. Override supporters said the \$500,000 funds worthwhile program which will help businesses and people. In his veto message, the governor said the earmarked funding inappropriately imposes legislative controls on management branch decisions. A "Yes" vote is for the \$500,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

**How long was this week's session?**  
During the week of Oct. 19-23, the House met for a total of 51 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 11 minutes.

# Markey, Long resume race for Congress

BY FRANK CARINI  
STAFF WRITER

In 1992, Patricia Long made a last-minute decision to run against incumbent Edward Markey for the 7th Congressional District seat in the U.S. Congress. "It was a symbolic gesture," says the Republican from Lexington. "It was the 'Year of the Woman,' and there were no women on the ballot."

Long's late run to get a woman on the ballot fell short; she was unable to get her name on that year's election ticket in time.

Two years later, Long's name appeared on the ballot, but she was defeated in the Republican primary by Brad Bailey — the Republican candidate in this year's race for attorney general.

In 1996, Long finally got her chance to face Markey in the general election. She lost the election, receiving 35 percent of the vote, but became the state's first African-American woman to run for the U.S. Congress. This year, she believes, the outcome will be different.

"I will provide the local leadership on federal issues that the seventh district has lacked under Ed Markey's tenure," said Long.

To provide that predicted leadership, Long will have to dethrone a veteran congressman of 20 years who, in the past few years, has

championed telecommunications bills and written legislation deregulating the cable industry.

Long, however, questions Markey's efforts to negotiate lower Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) rates, and says he has failed to bring federal funds for the Big Dig project into the communities of Revere and Winthrop. Long also criticizes Markey for the loss of defense industry jobs from the 7th Congressional District to southern states.

"He's never advocated for the defense industry," said Long. "I'm anti-war, but believe in a strong defense. I don't like the decline of defense jobs in our district."

Markey points to his current work helping schools in the seventh district get funding for new schools, a move he says will reduce class sizes.

"We need more teachers and technology in the classroom," said the Malden Democrat, who began his political career as a state representative. "Educating our children, our future, should be a top priority."

Long describes herself as a moderate Republican in the "Colin Powell - Abraham Lincoln" mold. Both candidates are pro-choice. Long says she would fight for family issues, such as government-funded health insurance for children until the age of 21. Markey is



Pat Long



Edward Markey

a strong backer of the 1995 federally funded COPS program, which he says has been a "huge success." COPS has provided local police departments with funds to enhance their community policing efforts.

"We've put 100,000 more cops on the beat, which has produced enormous results and lowered crime rates," says Markey. "The federal government was right in making an investment in local policing."

Long is a former Massachusetts assistant Cabinet secretary of transportation and former staff director of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) board of directors. She is a legally trained negotiator and mediator, and a graduate of Boston College Law School. She helped implement the state's Clean Air Act and helped organize the construction

of the 11-mile Minuteman Commuter Bikeway. She favors welfare reform.

Markey, 51, took his first elected office at age 26 as a member of the state House of Representatives. As a state representative, he helped write landmark legislation that prohibited judges from practicing private law. He is a graduate of Boston College Law School and a graduate of Malden Catholic High School.

The 7th Congressional District includes Arlington, Everett, Framingham, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Natick, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Weston, Winthrop, Winchester and Woburn.

Wakefield Observer reporter Al Turco contributed to this article.

# Reilly, Bailey make little noise in AG contest

BY DAVID R. GUARINO  
CNC STATEHOUSE BUREAU

**BOSTON** - Brad Bailey is the guy who tried to get himself thrown in jail as Middlesex County sheriff to grab headlines and make a point about prison overcrowding.

He was one of the first Republicans in 1994 to sign on to what was then a little-known list of principals called the Contract with America in an effort to gain a foothold in a failing race for Congress against U.S. Rep. Edward Markey.

He is the guy who, as sheriff, was denied a request to bring county prisoners to Waltham by the Democratic mayor who saw the event as nothing more than a publicity stunt.

So why is Bailey, not the type to be shy about using the media to advance his career, running a stunningly low key campaign for attorney general?

Don't ask his opponent, Middlesex District Attorney Tom Reilly who, after a bruising pri-

mary campaign, can't quite figure out what Bailey's up to.

"Yeah, it's different, frankly it's been more enjoyable," Reilly said in an interview this week. "It's not getting more attention than the primary did but, I think, it is more substantive."

Reilly, a 56-year-old Watertown Democrat, is the odds-on favorite to win the job as the state's top law enforcer. The latest independent polls show Reilly with a comfortable 36 percentage point lead over Bailey, 56 percent to 20 percent, with the Nov. 3 election looming just days away.

Pundits say Bailey's stealth campaign will only help Reilly - the better known of the two.

Now serving as district attorney in the state's largest county, Middlesex County, Reilly is best known for his prosecution of British nanny Louise Woodward and Somerville teenager Eddie O'Brien. Bailey, a 40-year-old Republican from Winchester, served as a federal prosecutor, Middlesex sheriff and, most

recently, former Gov. William Weld's anti-drug czar.

Analysts said Bailey, a virtual unknown in many parts of the state, would have to spend millions and start early to defeat Reilly. To date, he's aired only one ad in the election - a radio piece during the primary. He's had dozens of press conferences on the Statehouse steps, but most are only reshapes of previously announced plans that attract little more than a smattering of reporters.

Bailey said the race has just been overshadowed - in the summer by the nasty Pines/Reilly campaign, Washington sex scandals and, recently, the race for governor.

"We have been extremely pro-active," Bailey said in a recent interview. "If anything, we have been more aggressive than Reilly has. He hasn't said anything about HMOs, auto insurance, teen drinking, safety. Also, we've been going out and meeting the voters, getting to every part of Massachusetts."

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## POLITICAL NEWS

### Paulsen's hours

Rep. Anne Paulsen will hold office hours in Arlington on Friday, Nov. 6 from 1-2 pm at the Fox Library at the corner of Cleveland Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Also, in order to be accessible to those who work during the day, Paulsen will also meet with constituents at the Fox Library on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 7-8 p.m.

### Coakley endorsed by Flaherty, Sullivan

Martha Coakley of Arlington has been endorsed by her two Democratic primary opponents, Timothy R. Flaherty and Michael A. Sullivan, both of Cambridge.

Coakley also announced that Flaherty and Sullivan have agreed to be two of the main sponsors of a fundraiser for her at the Royal

Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge on Oct. 22. Other sponsors include Democratic nominees Scott Harshbarger, Warren Tolman, Tom Reilly, Joe DeNucci, and Shannon O'Brien.

"I am pleased to have the support of Tim and Michael in my race for District Attorney," Coakley said. "This was a hard fought campaign but we ended this race as we started — as friends."

Coakley defeated the two Cambridge politicians in a three-way primary fight held on Sept. 15 to win the Democratic Primary. As the Democratic nominee, she faces Lee Johnson, a Republican from Medford, in the general election on Tuesday.

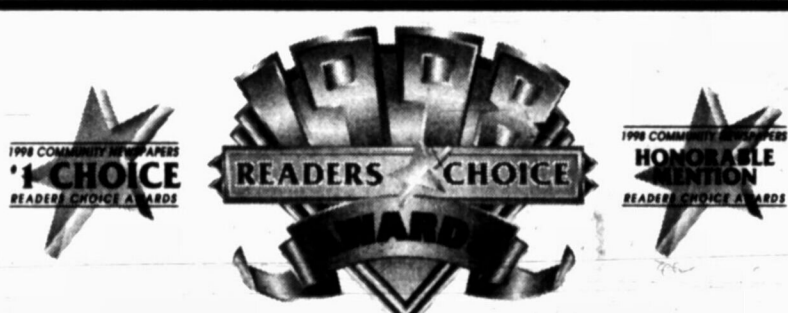
Coakley, who has worked as a prosecutor in Middlesex for the last 12 years, is looking to succeed District Attorney Tom Reilly, the Democratic nominee for Attorney General.

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- Smaller children should always be with an adult. It's best to take little ones out early.
- If older children are going out without you, go over the ground rules first.
- Know what neighborhoods they will be in.
- Don't allow them in areas with which you are not completely comfortable.
- Have the children stay in a group.
- Let them know what time to be home.
- Give them change to use the telephone if necessary.

**Instruct children to:**

- Use sidewalks.
- Cross only at the corners, never dart out between parked cars.
- Cover one side of the street at a time, no crisscrossing.
- Never go inside someone's home unless it is a friend's.
- Never accept a ride in a car.
- Only approach houses where the outside lights are on as a signal of welcome.

**Costumes**

- Children should carry a flashlight, and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Be sure all parts of the costumes are labeled flame retardant.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Pointed objects such as swords and devils' forks should be made of soft material.
- If your child wears a mask instead of make-up on their face, double check that the eye holes are large enough to see through clearly.
- Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.

**Checking treats**

- Throw out anything that appears tampered with, home-made foods or home-packaged foods unless you are certain of the source.
- Inspect fruit closely and take away treats that may not be age appropriate. Young children may choke on things like hard candy or peanuts.

**Fireworks**

Firecrackers, cherry bombs, and party poppers cause many injuries and fires on Halloween. These are dangerous and should not be used by children, teens or adults. Besides the physical danger and the fire hazards involved, fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

**Change your clock, change your battery**

Each year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors. This year, buy batteries along with your Halloween candy and change your clock, change your battery.

**Decorations**

- Use a small flashlight in pumpkins instead of a candle.
- Only use flame-proof crepe paper.
- Keep dried leaves and corn-stalks away from all flames and heat sources.

**Receiving Trick-or-treaters**

- Make sure your own home is well lit and that there is a clear path to your door. Bicycles and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.

## SPOOKY WALKERS



From left, Rudi Dunlap (5), Aidan Wilcox (4), Joe Troutman (4), and Katja Dunlap (2) get ready for the 5th Annual Spooky Walk held Saturday at Menotomy Rocks Park. Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park donated \$250 to sponsor the event, which included various spooky and ghoulish scenes arrayed around Hills Pond. There was a werewolf chained to a tree, a very active coffin, a witch inviting paraders into her house with promises of sweets, and various other scary things.

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**FIRELOG**

The Fire Department responded to 102 calls during the period of Oct. 20-26. The calls included 39 rescues, 9 fire, and 12 investigations.

**October 21**

At 6:51 a.m. firefighters responded to Medford and Warren Streets for a car accident involving a 52-year-old Somerville woman. She complained of back and knee pain. Firefighters transported her to Symmes Hospital & Medical Center.

At 9:15 a.m., firefighters responded to the intersection of Medford Street and Massachusetts Avenue for a bicyclist who was struck by a car door. The impact threw the bicyclist to the ground but he did not lose consciousness. He did have a small cut on his right leg and was transported to Symmes.

**October 22**

At 9:38 a.m., firefighters responded to the Ottoson school for a 12-year-old male student. The student fell approximately 15 feet while climbing a rope in gym class. Witnesses did not think he lost consciousness and he was transported to Symmes.

**October 23**

At 11:06 p.m., firefighters responded to Clark Street for a 27-year-old woman who had been struck by a car. The patient complained of pain in her right leg and was transported to Symmes.

**October 24**

At 8:52 a.m., firefighters responded to a two car accident at the intersection of Park Avenue and Route 2. Firefighters used force to retrieve a 37-year-old woman from one of the cars. The woman complained of neck injuries and was transported to Symmes.

At 11:46 a.m. firefighters responded to Arlington catholic school for a 41-year-old woman having a diabetic reaction. Firefighters gave her glucose and monitored her vital signs.

At 3:42 firefighters responded to the Dallin school for a 13-year-old boy who had injured his right upper thigh and knee while playing football. Firefighters transported him to Symmes.

**October 26**

At 8:44 a.m. firefighters responded to a car fire on at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Pleasant Street. Firefighters extinguished the fire.

At 9:06 p.m., firefighters responded to 156 Massachusetts Avenue for an 18-year-old man with a possible broken nose and chipped teeth. The man said he was assaulted by a man who fled in a car. Firefighters transported him to Symmes.

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## WORK IN THE PARK



Members of the Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park (FMRP) and other volunteers worked Saturday to build a trail and clean up the park. At left, FMRP members Dan and Denise Long were busy helping to prepare the trail for a water bar. Top right, helping to move a log were, in front, Peter Brandenburg, trail manager, FMRP board member Ed Heck, and in back, FMRP board member Ted Slegan and volunteer Michael Brooks. Bottom right, Department of Public Works employees Edward Banty, driving the tractor, and Mark McKeown move some logs.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Computer classes offered at library

The Robbins Library will be hosting computer catalog and Internet browsing classes for the public at the Reference Room workstations during the month of November. We are offering a small wait list so please call ahead. Book and AV Catalog classes will be offered Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 5, at 9:30 a.m. Patrons will be using a mouse to point and click in a Windows 95 computer. When you register be sure to indicate whether you feel comfortable using a "mouse."

Internet browsing classes will be offered Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 19, at 9:30 a.m. Prior experience using Windows operating system and using a mouse is necessary.

Call or visit the Reference Desk to sign up or call 316-3200 or 316-3233. Classes are for one hour and limited to three students. Patrons are asked to please call in advance if they must cancel. These classes have proven to be very popular and we want to give patrons on the waiting list a chance to join a class with some lead time. Thank you for your consideration.

### Library reschedules storytelling program

A storytelling program with acclaimed storyteller Judith Black at Robbins Library has been rescheduled from Sunday, Nov. 8 and will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. in the library Community Room.

In this program for families and children ages 4 and older, Black will tell stories that evolved from her own life experiences, and will encourage audience members to see how events in their own lives can evolve into important stories to

be shared with friends and family members.

Black has a devoted following based on 20 years of telling lively, funny stories, presenting workshops and conducting residencies in hundreds of school systems. She is a founding member of the Three Apple Storytelling Festival, had done original stories for National Public Radio, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and the U.S. Dept. of Forestry.

Black's performance is provided free of charge through a grant from the Russell Fund. No advance registration or tickets are required. For additional information call 316-3234.

### Sea tales at library

Leave the cold November weather behind and travel on a rhythmic journey from the Carolina Sea Islands to the African Continent with musician and storyteller Janice Allen, on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Robbins Library in a program for families and children aged 4 years and older.

Allen specializes in a blend of traditional African-American folk and gospel music, children's circle games, and folklore. She presents music acapella and is accompanied with a range of African and African-American percussion instruments. Audience participation is encouraged throughout the performance, with each song having a chorus, movement, or clapping response for the audience.

Allen is the winner of the 1989 Boston Parent's Paper Children's Entertainer of the Year award, and she has appeared in Black Nativity, the Harvard Revels, Wheelock Family Theater and toured internationally.

Allen's performance is provided free of charge through a grant from the Russell fund. No advance registration or tickets are required. For additional information call 316-3234.

## PEOPLE NEWS

### Event to honor local pediatrician Gregory

The Friends of Armenian Cultural Society, Inc. (FACS) will honor Dr. Elizabeth Gregory with a cultural musical evening on Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington.

Dr. Gregory is a well known figure in the medical and the Greater Boston community. She has practiced pediatrics in Arlington for 45 years. At her retirement reception at the Arlington Town Hall, attended by 500 of her patients she was presented with a proclamation from the Governor of Massachusetts and the Arlington Selectmen naming April 9, 1989, Elizabeth A. Gregory day. Presently, Gregory has retired from her busy practice but is still very active in the community. She attends and contributes to the programs of FACS, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR), Armenian American Medical Association, Armenian Health Alliance and to most of the musical events that happen in the Greater Boston area.

Gregory's boundless energy has not been limited to her immediate community. She has not forgotten her alma mater and has been on the Board of Trustees of her undergraduate Bates College. She was presented the award as distinguished alumnus in 1993. Gregory's knowledge in music and arts has led her to serve on the Board of Trustees of Longy School of Music for more than a decade. She was a co-producer along with Dr. Keran Chobanian of the popular

WCRB Armenian Radio Hour Program that was aired every Sunday for 35 years.

The program of Nov. 15 at Museum of National Heritage is geared to represent the major experiences of Gregory. There will be three specific speakers. The first is Donald Harward Ph.D., president of Bates College reflecting on her contributions towards her undergraduate college. Dr. Harward has agreed to come from Lewiston, Maine specially for this occasion. The second speaker is the internationally renowned cardiologist, provost of Boston University Medical Center and dean and of Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Aram Chobanian. He will be reflecting on the honoree since she was a medical student at Boston University. Last but not least will be the noted pediatrician and the founder of the child development unit at Boston Children's Hospital, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton. Gregory did her training in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital and continued to teach there for 25 years with the title of instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School.

After these short introductions, the program will be followed by a musical interlude, under the guidance of Luise Vosgerchian, professor of musicology (emeritus) at Harvard University; participating in this program will be the known cellist Suren Bagratuni from Watertown and Anahid Ajemian. Invitations to this special event can be obtained by contacting FACS at (617) 484-0125. All proceeds from this reception are to be donated to the FACS Endowment Fund for the Tangle-

wood Musical Center.

### Residents honored by home care agency

Minuteman Home Care Corporation, the state funded agency serving Arlington and 15 other towns, held its annual awards ceremony on Oct. 15. Once a year, Minuteman shows their appreciation to dedicated individuals who serve and support the elder community. Arlington is proud to announce that three of our citizens were honored for their outstanding work.

Mildred Hurd, Arlington Council on Aging board member and Minuteman Home Care board member received the Community Service Award. It was presented by Lillian Glickman, Secretary of Elder Affairs and Joan Butler-West, executive director of Minuteman Home Care. Hurd is widely recognized for years of service throughout the Arlington community.

Lois Cardarelli, board member of Minuteman Home Care from Arlington received the Frank J. Manning Advocacy Award. Since Cardarelli has been taking care of her elderly mother and aunt, she has become aware of the issues concerning the elderly. Cardarelli spoke at the State House and the Legislative breakfast regarding the cut backs in home care services. She has become an active advocate for the elderly.

Cardarelli and Hurd were also given Official Citations from the State Senate presented by George Laite from Senator Robert Haver's office and from the House of Representatives presented by James Marzilli.

Janelle Kennedy Slobodkin the secretary of the Arlington Council on Aging board of directors was appointed vice president of the Minuteman Home Care Board.

Founded in 1975 by a group of concerned local citizens, Minuteman Home Care is a non-profit organization deeply committed to



From left to right: Janelle Kennedy Slobodkin, Mildred Hurd, Lois Cardarelli.

helping people age with dignity. Their primary goals are to enable people to be as independent as possible given their functional or health limitations and to support caregivers in their critical yet stressful roles.

### Resident gets patent for mechanical tool

"You can work smarter" is the message Arlington resident Louis Patti sends to fellow auto mechanics who perform front drive service work.

Patti knows one way to accomplish that since he's recently been

granted a patent for his invention, the Automobile Drive Shaft Removal Device. The patent is a government grant to Patti for the exclusive right to use, manufacture, or sell the invention throughout the U.S. and its possessions for 20 years. Every day for over five years Patti has used his prototype and it continues to perform perfectly.

The Automobile Drive Shaft Removal Device has also proven itself in shops nationwide since Patti produced and sold 35 and

received abundant praise and compliments for the tool. Currently, Patti is shopping around for tool manufacturers.

Improved efficiency and safety are the key benefits of this tool. Instead of two workers, the Automobile Drive Shaft Removal Device provides the means for one worker to temporarily move the front suspension components out of the way so work can be performed on the front wheel drive shaft. Also, Patti incorporated several design elements into the tool to maximize safety and absolutely prevent the components from slipping.

A graduate of Franklin Institute of Boston, Patti is a certified master automobile technician and co-owner of a repair business with several more inventions in the works. He obtained his patent with the assistance of Affiliated Inventors Foundation, a Colorado Springs company providing inventor services for over 20 years.

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John Coglianese, 9, Ann Coglianese, 5, Colin Donoghue, 8, and Trevor Donoghue, 6, become official Germbusters! after Symmes Hospital nurse Patti Scanlon taught how to properly wash their hands. Symmes recently invited children to take part in the Germbusters! program, a fun handwashing workshop where they viewed bacteria under a microscope; don bonnets, masks and foot covers; and went to Surgical Services to scrub up like real surgeons. A special solution applied to their hands before they washed glows under a black light to simulate where germs might live. The children could see how a less-than-thorough handwashing would not get rid of all the germs.

## How to pick the right massage therapist

BY LINDA GUTTMAN AND  
REZAKKAH NORINS

October 25th -31st is National Massage Therapy Awareness Week. At this time each year, massage therapists all over the country reach out to share information about massage with the general public. Many massage therapists and massage organizations go into the workplace, hospitals, nursing homes, and other public arenas to demonstrate massage and give people an opportunity to experience its benefits.

The benefits of massage are many, and they have become more and more important as modern life has become more stressful. Many people are sitting for hours on end at computer terminals. Most people feel that there aren't enough hours in the day to do all that they have to do. Back problems are epidemic. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is fast becoming one of the leading occupational hazards. Anxiety and depression are so widespread that millions of people are taking antidepressants. Most people don't know that massage is a wonderful antidote to these modern ills and that it is available to all. In addition to relieving pain, massage therapy gives the receiver an opportunity to experience a kind of time out, a deep relaxation and physical revitalization that every body needs to maintain balance and health.

There are still many misconceptions about massage therapy. Many people consider massage a luxury. In fact, massage is one of the most effective health maintenance tools a person can utilize. Studies have shown that it adds years to one's lifespan. What could be better than a longer life with less pain? Clinical research has also demonstrated that massage enhances the function of

the immune system. Massage is a very effective treatment for musculoskeletal problems, injuries, chronic pain, arthritis, and tight muscles due to poor tone or overactivity. In addition, massage increases the circulation of blood and lymph, lowers blood pressure, tonifies the nervous system, improves digestion and reduces headaches. It is excellent for those recovering from surgery, pregnant women and the elderly.

Another benefit of massage is awareness. Most people have learned to disregard messages from their bodies. This creates fertile ground for detrimental, unconscious habits to take root — postural habits, movement habits, lifestyle habits — that cause dysfunction and pain. Massage therapy reawakens this awareness so that a person can notice these habits and replace them with healthy alternatives. Massage therapists are health care professionals who are well-informed about exercise; they are also connected to a network of valuable resources for a healthy lifestyle.

Finding the right therapist is important. There are many different styles of work, and because massage is as much an art as a science, there can be many variations from one therapist to another. It is good to try several different styles and therapists in order to find the therapist whom you like and trust, who delivers the type of massage you need, and with whom you feel comfortable building a relationship.

Some criteria for identifying a good therapist are: Is the therapist licensed to practice? Was the therapist trained at an accredited massage school? Is the therapist nationally certified? What kind of experience does the therapist have? Was

the therapist highly recommended? Does the therapist work with a chiropractor?

Some people don't consider getting professional massage because of the expense. As massage becomes more well-recognized as an important form of health care, more insurance companies are covering it. It is interesting to note that people who don't allow themselves to get massage will think nothing of spending money on their hair or face or nails, because our culture is so focused on appearance. What if we could see our insides?

Would we be willing to make our health the priority? Actually, it is the condition of the inside of our bodies that gives a true outer expression of beauty and vitality.

Perhaps the most important thing one can say about massage is our motto: "Massage therapy puts the care back in health care." Massage therapists do it through touch. We have so many phrases that speak to the importance of touch: "I felt touched by that." "It was touching." "The Untouchables." "Get in touch." In fact, however, compared to most cultures, our American culture is relatively touch-deprived. This is illustrated by the ad in which "Reach out and touch someone" means talking to them on the phone. Massage is about safe touch, real touch, educated, effective touch.

In an age when time is always racing by, and most health care visits amount to 15 minutes of poking and prodding and talking, there are few better ways to spend an hour than to receive a relaxing, nurturing, restorative massage.

Linda Guttman and Rezakka Norins are licensed massage therapists at Body and Soul Massage Therapy in Arlington.

## HEALTH NEWS

### Waskowitz joins staff at Symmes

Dr. Robert S. Waskowitz, an orthopedic surgeon from Lahey Clinic, has joined the medical staff at Symmes Hospital & Medical Center.

Waskowitz concentrates on sports medicine and his special interests include sports-related injuries.

"We are very excited that Dr. Waskowitz has joined Symmes Hospital," said Chief Operating Officer Timothy J. McCarron. "He brings a wealth of experience and expertise that will help us launch a formal sports medicine program over the next several months."

Waskowitz has served as a consultant or team physician for such teams as the Denver Broncos, US Alpine Ski Team, US Disabled Ski Team and Vail Avalanche hockey team. He has published several articles and presented at many medical conferences.

Waskowitz earned his medical degree at University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed both his internship in general surgery and residency in orthopedic surgery at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and a fellowship in orthopedic surgery/sports medicine at Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation in Vail, Colo.

Appointments with Waskowitz can be made by calling his office at (781) 641-7693.

Waskowitz resides in Acton with his wife and their three children.

### Smoking cessation program offered

The Arlington Board of Health is offering a hypnosis program for smokers who want to quit on Nov. 16 in the Community Room at the Robbins Library from 7-8:30 p.m.

The program is being offered free. To register call the Arlington Board of Health (781) 316-3173.

### Injury-free tips for weekend warriors

You may be one of many Americans who attempt to compen-

sate for a sedentary lifestyle during the week with a host of sports and activities on the weekend. But that overzealous difference in activity level can lead to chronic aches and pains, if not more serious injuries, even for those who consider themselves very fit.

Dr. Mark J. Lemos, Lahey Clinic orthopaedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist, will present "The Weekend Warrior — How the 40+ Athlete can Stay Injury-Free" on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m. at Symmes Hospital & Medical Center.

"The more diligent sports enthusiasts are about protecting themselves, the less time they'll likely be out of commission," said Lemos.

A former hockey player in Germany, Lemos is particularly interested in joint injuries affecting the knee, hip and shoulder. He has served as team physician for several high schools and colleges, including Lexington High School.

Lemos earned his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed his internship in general surgery at the Maine Medical Center, residency in orthopaedic surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and fellowship in sports medicine at the Southern California Center for Sports Medicine. He is assistant professor at Boston University and instructor at Tufts University School of Medicine. Lemos is widely published and is a member of several professional organizations including the American Medical Association, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Boston Orthopaedic Club.

The lecture is free. Registration suggested; call (781) 641-7822.

### Hospital provides diabetes education

The Diabetes Management Program is offering two education sessions for individuals with either Type I or Type II diabetes. Sessions will be led by Laurie Pariseau, certified diabetes educator.

The sessions are appropriate for individuals who are newly diagnosed with diabetes or peo-



Dr. Robert S. Waskowitz

ple looking for a refresher and the latest information. Participants will learn about: treatment goals, home blood glucose monitoring, insulin, high and low blood sugar, feet and eye care, complications and treatments, helpful devices and low vision aids.

Sessions are offered Thursday, Nov. 5 and Thursday, Nov. 12, 10-11:30am. Each session is \$5. Space is limited; call (781) 641-7799 to register.

### Diabetes screening Nov. 3 at Symmes

A free diabetes screening will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 3-5 p.m. at Symmes Hospital & Medical Center.

Individuals with a family history of diabetes, are 20 pounds or more overweight or experience frequent urination, fatigue or thirst are encouraged to attend the screening. The American Diabetes Association estimates that half of the individuals with diabetes have not been diagnosed and are not being treated for the condition which can lead to serious complications involving the eyes, liver and heart.

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## EDITORIALS

## Cellucci for governor

This has been a season of economic uncertainty. Layoffs and jittery markets have brought back discomfiting memories of the last recession. As the decade opened, Massachusetts had a state government paralyzed in the face of the worst recession in 50 years.

The turnaround since then has been remarkable, and much of the credit goes to two men elected in 1990. Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci put a lid on spending and shored up the state's fiscal foundations. They cut taxes, improved the regulatory climate and reduced the cost of doing business.

Any new economic storms will find the state well prepared, thanks to the efforts of Weld, Cellucci and others in business and government. The state's bond rating has been restored, its rainy day fund well-stocked. Massachusetts has a more diversified economy and the lowest unemployment rate of the large industrial states.

There has been progress in other areas over the last eight years. Crime is down and the welfare rolls are shrinking. Public higher education is getting better and tuition is going down. But restoring the economy's stability and state government's credibility have been the signal accomplishment of this decade. They are the strongest argument for renewing Cellucci's lease on the governor's office.

In other areas, particularly education, Cellucci's record is mixed. He's shown a commitment to the full funding of Education Reform and to some of its elements, such as teacher testing, student testing and charter schools. But he has delegated educational leadership to John Silber and James Carlin, who are strong on rhetoric, not team-building. Their rattling of the education establishment has value, but while we need a vigorous debate over education, it has to be a constructive debate as well. To get better schools, we need to inspire teachers, not insult them.

If Education Reform is to succeed, the governor will have to pay closer attention to the details. It's not just that we don't know how \$9 billion in new school aid has been spent. It's that five years into a seven-year program, the administration hasn't determined how well it's working. Cellucci's understaffed and demoralized Education Department can't keep up with Education Reform's ambitious agenda, let alone evaluate its progress or figure out where we go from here.

Cellucci's opponent, Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, is a man of accomplishment and integrity. He has a proud record of public service and we wish him well.

But while Harshbarger has an admirable streak of independence, putting a Democrat in the governor's office would make Massachusetts virtually a one-party state. A balance of power between an activist Legislature and a governor who resists the urge to tax and spend has served the state well during the last eight years, and will for the next four.

Both Harshbarger and Cellucci are better than the campaigns they have waged. They've chosen slogans over substance and attack over engagement. The focus on Cellucci's personal finances is troubling in its lack of facts and its dubious relevance. He's shown he can handle the state's checkbook responsibly, and that's the job he's running for.

It is a job Paul Cellucci has earned as Weld's full partner in a remarkable eight years of recovery and renewal for Massachusetts. In a season of uncertainty, we can count on his proven leadership and Community Newspaper Company endorses his election.

## Reilly for attorney general

Under the leadership of Scott Harshbarger, the state Attorney General's office has earned a reputation for passion and professionalism in pursuit of the public good. That legacy should be entrusted to the man who also succeeded Harshbarger in the Middlesex County District Attorney's office: Tom Reilly.

Reilly is a gifted prosecutor, an experienced litigator, a seasoned manager who's shown he can run a large organization. He'll handle new and ongoing public interest litigation in areas like tobacco, health care and the environment with confidence and skill. Reilly is also a public servant of unquestioned integrity and commitment. His agenda in pursuing high-profile cases including the trials of Eddie O'Brien and Louise Woodward had more to do with a passion for justice than self-serving politics.

Given his record, it is understandable that Reilly should run for AG as a tough-on-crime prosecutor. But prosecuting street crime is a

small part of the job he seeks, and he must expand his grasp of issues in the arenas of consumer protection and government regulation. This shouldn't be difficult: Through his innovative and effective work with Middlesex County schools on peer mediation and gang violence prevention, he's shown he understands fighting crime takes more than locking up bad actors. We hope he'll apply this understanding to the challenges of sentencing reform and community corrections, so that when those who've served their sentences leave our prisons, they are far less likely to return.

The Republican candidate, Brad Bailey, is energetic and articulate. But in terms of experience, ability and leadership, he simply cannot measure up to Reilly.

We're confident Tom Reilly will bring stature, competence and passion to the office of attorney general, and we offer him Community Newspaper Company's endorsement.

## Coakley for district attorney

Martha Coakley has earned her stripes as an assistant district attorney by being in the thick of things for the past eight years. In that time she has racked up experience as the lead prosecutor in major cases (the prosecution of Louise Woodward, among them) and as an administrator under the guiding hand of DA Tom Reilly.

Coakley, a Democrat from Arlington, has our backing in her bid to be Middlesex County district attorney.

Her opponent, Everett attorney Lee Johnson, deserves praise for his effort in this campaign, but the difference in prosecutorial experience and administrative seasoning is considerable. The balance tips heavily in Coakley's favor. This is the first run for public office by Johnson, a Republican with two decades of experience in the justice system as a lawyer, Middlesex County probation officer and former director of human services in that department. Truth be told, through no fault of his own, Johnson suffers from an incredible lack of financial or manpower support from a virtually invisible state Republican Committee.

That aside, Coakley most deserves the chance to lead the district attorney's office. Tom Reilly, and Scott Harshbarger before him, set high standards of integrity, innovation and aggressive prosecutions. Coakley stands ready — and qualified — to take the office to the next level.

She has earned Community Newspaper Company's endorsement for Middlesex district attorney. We urge you to vote on Nov. 3.

## Markey is choice in 7th District

He first took elected office at age 26. As a state representative, Edward Markey made a name for himself as a hard-working politician who worked for and listened to his constituents.

His political career began with landmark state legislation that prohibited judges from practicing private law. Today, the 51-year-old Malden native is a 20-year U.S. representative with the same willingness to look out for and listen to the people he represents.

While he lives in the nation's capital for most of the year, Markey frequently visits the 18 communities he represents in the 7th Congressional District. He takes the time to attend local activities and events, such as Melrose-Malden football games, Arlington Town Day and the Melrose Victorian Day — and marches in community parades, from Medford to Wakefield.

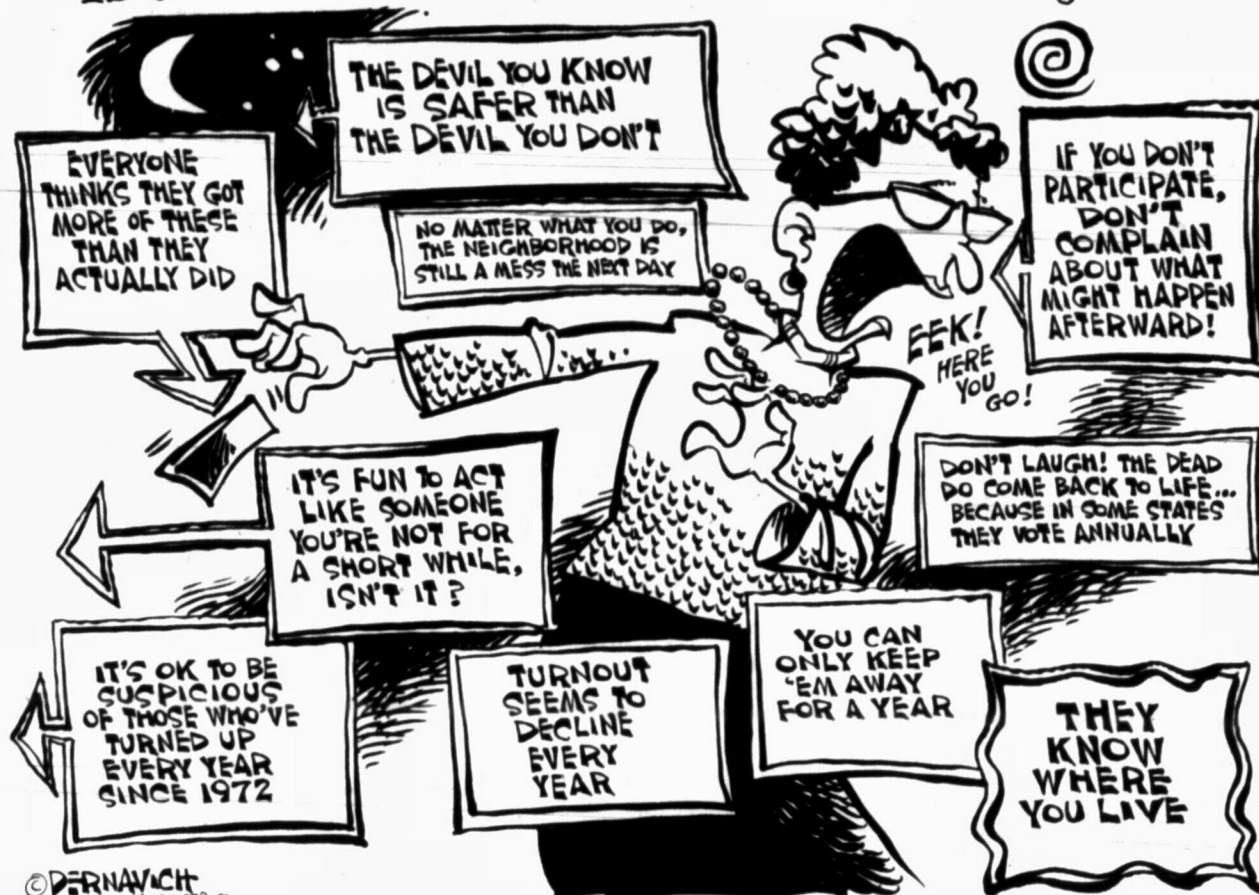
He takes time to meet and talk with many of the 600,000 or so people who live in his district, and he brings those opinions and concerns back to Washington, D.C. He keeps tabs on the important issues and topics being discussed in the communities he represents.

During his 20 years in Washington, Markey has written bills deregulating the cable industry to force more competition and to ensure local schools receive low-cost access. He's been a champion of various telecommunications bills, including the TeleCom City project pegged for Everett, Malden and Medford.

Now he's focusing his efforts on funding school building projects, an important need in many of the district's communities, where class size is a problem. He is also seeking to further limit tobacco advertising geared toward America's youth.

The Republican candidate, Patricia Long of Lexington, is energetic and articulate. She has good ideas and strong beliefs. But in terms of experience, ability and leadership, she simply can't measure up to Markey's lengthy and active record of service to the 7th Congressional District.

## Is this All Hallows Eve or Election Day?



## Osco opponents should celebrate

The one thing I hate about being a liberal is, as a rule, my fellow liberals don't know when to be happy and celebrate their victories. Take for example, Monday night's decision by the Arlington Redevelopment Board to deny a special permit for the proposed Osco at the corner of Mill Street and Mass. Avenue.

"They're going to sue the town and then a judge will OK them to build whatever they want. We can't fight them forever," said one opponent of the plan.

Message to the well-meaning neighbors: You've won, guys. Get ready for the rematch and this time make sure you don't get off track. You know they're going to come back strong the nano-second the ARB's decision is filed in town hall.

Not that it flatters, but I was just winking. Or, a few random thoughts:

I've never met Michael Duffy, at least I don't think I have, but what makes this Republican candidate for auditor think we'll vote for him because he or someone working on his behalf has plastered signs all over vacant buildings and



SWIFTLY FLOWING  
Carol BEGGY

utility poles, at least in our neck of the woods. One of my favorite events of the year is the Mr. Arlington High School contest, which last week celebrated its 10th anniversary. We've heard the complaints before, that this glorifies the young men of the high school, objectifies them and teaches the young women of the school the wrong message. Bunk. It's a lot of fun. These kids know what's going on in their world and they're a lot more attuned to it than you may think. Cheers to you AHS, may you have at least 10 more.

I also was awakened this weekend to a lovely event, just two years old, in Menotomy Rocks Park. This event, Spooky Walk, has been organized by neighbors, mostly parents of young children,

as a way to give kids a fun night out. For the rest of us, it's a test of our ability to put on a show, master the fine art of light and sound production and come up with new (safe) ways to scare the "youngsters." I still think a chainsaw is scary, but see it's not safe. We'll work on the rest of our repertoire for next year.

So are we going to get a hotel in East Arlington or aren't we? I'm all for it, and no that's not because I moved away from that side of town a bit ago. It's because the town would get revenue from the hotel tax, because it would be a good thing to have a hotel in town, and because it's ugly at that entrance of town. Actually most of our entrances could use a facelift, but this is a good place to start. I understood why we didn't want a McDonald's, "image" and all, but those same arguments wash pretty thin when you're talking about a hotel-type place.

(Carol Beggy is a former editor of the Arlington Advocate. You can reach Carol via e-mail at carol.beggy@cnc.com or through this newspaper.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Newspapers bought into smear tactic

To the editor:

Just prior to the primary election, Representative Marzilli's campaign used a smear tactic to defame his opponent Mike Keefe. The campaign dropped or mailed literature suggesting that Mike Keefe and his associates were making obscene phone calls.

This inflammatory tactic is despicable under any circumstances. However, for the newspapers (*The Arlington Advocate* and the *Medford Transcript*) to buy into this smear is deplorable. Good journalism requires independent and honest research. Repeating inflammatory clichés, such as "religious right" or "radical right," designed to smear a certain group of people who hold "conservative" views, is as inappropriate as labeling one a Dukakis liberal.

Representative Marzilli should have been dealing with the issues, instead of resorting to ad hominem attacks. The questions in the telephone poll, which were attacked as being extremist and obscene, were the following questions: 1. How would you vote in the state rep race? 2. Would you approve of school vouchers to send children to independent or religious schools? 3. Would you approve of reducing the age for women who need parental permission to have an abortion to 16 from 18? 4. Do you support reducing the state's income tax?

Regarding the age of consent, Rep. Marzilli, on one hand says he supports reducing the age of consent for a teenager to get an abortion from age 18 to age 16. However, he claims "I do not think the state has any business in telling a

woman how to raise her family." One can not have it both ways.

This proposed change in the state law would clearly undermine the rights of parents. Rep. Marzilli offers no reasonable grounds for taking away the rights of parents on such crucial matters other than to advance the lame suggestion fathers could have impregnated some of these young women. However, Massachusetts law already provides a confidential mechanism through the judicial system to bypass the need for

parental consent in such cases.

It is unfortunate *The Arlington Advocate* and the *Medford Transcript* abandoned the concept of journalistic impartiality. A substantial majority of citizens of Medford and Arlington regularly attend churches and synagogues and may well believe that the age of consent for abortion should not be reduced. Furthermore, it is likely many of the citizens would oppose a law undermining parental rights concerning abor-

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## COMMENT

## LETTERS, FROM PAGE 8

tion, regardless of their religious beliefs. To label these citizens, as the "religious right" is a disservice to the communities represented by these newspapers.

Patricia Brady Doherty  
Former Medford City Councillor  
West Medford

## LWV supports 'Clean Election' question

To the editor:  
Big money in politics hurts everyone. When candidates spend more time raising money than talking with voters about issues, democracy is less effective. When elected officials spend more time giving "access" to deep-pocket interest than hearing the concerns of ordinary citizens, accountability suffers. When money flows into war chests from anonymous, out-of-state sources, ordinary people are shut out of the process.

Meanwhile, good people of modest means can't run for office without selling out to special interests; new ideas and fresh voices go unheard.

What can be done?

On Nov. 3 you can vote "Yes on 2", and bring fair, effective campaign finance reform to Massachusetts. You can help restore the principle of "one person, one vote", and open the door for new voices and fresh ideas in government. More than 150,000 Massachusetts voters signed petitions to get Question 2 on the ballot.

A "Yes" vote on Question 2 would mean:

- Keeping "soft money" out of Massachusetts politics;
- Candidates who agree to contribution and spending limits could run for office without special interest money, as a voluntary system of campaign financing would be created; and
- Timely reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures.

The law has received support from the *Boston Globe*, *Berkshire Eagle*, and the *Worcester Telegram-Gazette*, and groups like AARP, Common Cause, The League of Women Voters and Mass. Voters for Clean Elections have joined forces to promote the Clean Elections Law.

Please join us in reinvigorating democracy in Massachusetts.

Carla C. Leone  
Joan Martin  
Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters, Arlington

## Circuit breaker tax law is necessary

To the Editor:

For voters who are concerned about the regressive and archaic nature of the property tax, the choice of governor next Tuesday is extremely important. With Scott Harshbarger as governor, we stand a much better chance of circuit-breaker legislation being passed, and passed with the cap at a lower percentage of income. The Democrats are the only ones who have attempted to pass this type of property tax relief in the past; specifically, it was Jim Marzilli who sponsored it.

Circuit-breaker tax relief caps a household's property tax at some percentage of the household's income. If the circuit-breaker cap is set at five percent, for example, no household would pay any amount of property tax that exceeds five percent of its income. There is a real chance that the cap could be set as high as 10 percent, meaning that a household with a lower income would receive no relief if it is paying nine percent of its income in the form of property tax. This mechanism does not lower the revenue of towns and cities, because the state refunds to the towns all of the money not collected as property tax due to the cap.

Community Newspapers recently sponsored a property tax forum in Lexington. From that discussion it was clear that several versions of circuit-breaker tax relief will be filed next year. Marzilli and the Democrats have tried it in the past and gotten nowhere with a Republican in the governor's office. If it does pass with a Republican governor, either it will be vetoed or the cap will be at a higher level.

This issue demonstrates the stark difference between the goals and priorities of the Democrats vs. the Republicans. Consider the extremely informative letter to the editor in the *Advocate* last week (Oct. 22) written by the leader of the well organized opposition to this year's property tax debt override. Back then, there

was much talk of how unfair is the property tax to those with low or fixed income. Correct. But now, it says in this letter that we should vote for the incumbent governor because "He cut taxes 21 times, saving Massachusetts taxpayers a total of \$1.43 billion..." Among the 21 tax cuts, we have mentioned "...income tax...sales tax on services...earned income tax credits...capital gains tax on the sale of a home..." What? Twenty-one tax cuts, and no mention of the property tax? Only those with decent cash flow are helped by these 21 tax cuts.

This issue also illustrates the need for campaign finance reform. It is extremely odd that despite the bitterness and sensational closeness of the many recent override campaigns, neither candidate for governor has even discussed the property tax problem. This void is in contrast with the well attended property tax forum in Lexington. The candidates cannot discuss it for fear of alienating their campaign donors. For these donors, the property tax is a low percentage of income. Your high property tax subsidizes their relatively low income tax. So while you are in there voting for Mr. Harshbarger, also vote Yes for Question 2, campaign finance reform.

Also the causes of the incumbent governor's \$700,000 debt are irrelevant. Anyone in office with that kind of debt is in a compromised position. Even a person of the highest integrity is subject to lobbying from interests who might like to hire him after he gets out of office, at a salary high enough to pay off his debt. Other appearances of conflict of interest are more immediate; the Republican regime has granted serious tax breaks to the banking interests, and now we see the Oct. 16 *Boston Globe* headline "His local bank's easy credit feeds Cellucci's growing debt." We can do better than this.

Andrew Fischer

## Liberalism is dead in Arlington politics

To the editor:

1998 can be noted as the year Liberalism died in Arlington. It used to be that liberals possessed a certain idealism about what soci-

ety can be, a compassion for ordinary people, and a desire to be inclusive, fair, and tolerant of all. Liberals were the "heart" of democracy even as conservatives could be called the "head." In the body politic as well as in the physical body, both are critically important. Try walking around without a head, or breathing without a heart.

What we have seen this year, however, is liberalism distorted into a tyranny of ideas. In the Proposition 2 1/2 override campaign, those who opposed it were demonized, painted with the broad brush of fear, falsely accused of being part of the "radical right." The same tactic was maliciously applied by Jim Marzilli to his opponent, Mike Keefe, a most uncivilized, ungentlemanly way to treat a worthy candidate in a legitimate race in his own party.

Why? What is wrong with anyone — anyone — in this town standing up for his or her principles in a way that only democracy upholds? In this town, it seems that if you don't agree with the powers that be, you must be on the far right, a place as useless in my book as the radical left. Common sense, if not common courtesy, points to a lot of middle ground where there should be room enough for all to be heard and respected.

One wonders about the integrity of "liberals" who cannot tolerate opposition but must resort to tearing down any and all who disagree. "Celebrating diversity" does not seem to apply to ideas or opinion here. Be aware, Arlington! Liberalism is dead. Long live tyranny!

Kathryn Wong  
Hamilton Road

## Coakley's experience makes her best pick

To the Editor:

Last month, Arlington voters gave overwhelming support to Martha Coakley for Middlesex District Attorney. Grateful for that support, we ask that on Nov. 3, the voters of our town again go to the polls to vote for Martha Coakley. She has been endorsed by over 30 police chiefs and unions and, in the primary, received the endorsement of the *Boston Globe*, the *Herald*, and *Community Newspa-*

pers, publisher of the *Advocate*. Now, Martha is endorsed by both Michael Sullivan and Timothy Flaherty, her opponents in the primary.

Martha has the experience and ability to lead our communities. She is committed to broadening the mission of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office by reaching out to working families and developing new programs aimed at protecting children and the elderly from abuse throughout Middlesex. Martha has proven her ability to advocate for the most vulnerable of our citizens by developing multi-disciplinary programs involving public and private medical communities, social services, schools and law enforcement to identify and protect those who need it most. She has spearheaded legislative efforts with the Department of Social Services, the Department of Public Health and concerned pediatricians to create a Child Fatality Review Board. Moreover, Martha is committed to continuing and expanding the Community Based Justice program to intervene on behalf of our students who are at risk and in need of help. She plans to expand Project Alliance, which acts as a direct liaison between school systems and the District Attorney's Office and which explores issues from mandated reporting to drug use in schools to teen dating violence.

Martha has six years of administrative experience as Chief of the Child Abuse Unit of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. Martha's administrative experience is an important fact when

one considers that Middlesex includes 54 cities and towns and is an office in size and importance second only to the Attorney General's Office. Martha has been a committed advocate for the citizens in those communities for 12 years. We need a person with Martha's experience and vision to lead the District Attorney's office in its efforts to support and protect working families, children, and our seniors.

Please vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Please vote for Martha Coakley for District Attorney. Thank you.

Judi Bohn, Academy Street  
Annie LaCourt, Chatham Street  
Bill and Lori Hartigan, College Avenue

## Harshbarger deserves local vote

To the editor:

Ranked sixth statewide in Democratic votes cast for Scott Harshbarger, Arlington has a unique opportunity to decide who the next governor will be. Scott Harshbarger has the fiscal discipline to guide this state through uncertain times and the decency to protect our most vulnerable citizens, children and the elderly. Endorsed by hundreds of associations, federations, labor unions and elected officials, Scott Harshbarger deserves your vote on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

Thank you Arlington for all your support.

Teresa Walsh Habib  
Town Coordinator, Harshbarger campaign



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## COMMENT

## Does electric deregulation help or hurt the state's residents?

BY DOUGLAS L. FOY  
AND RICHARD KENNELLYYES ON  
QUESTION 4

Electric power generation is the biggest industrial polluter in America — and Massachusetts. So, even if our new electricity restructuring law didn't offer a major rate cut, its environmental benefits would be reason enough to vote Yes on Question 4 this election day. A Yes vote will retain this new, effective legislation — one of the best utility restructuring laws in the nation.

A misguided effort is afoot to repeal the law, and send us back to square one. Repeal would be destructive. It would immediately cancel a mandatory 15 percent rate reduction, and it would leave long-term scars on our environment and our health.

What's worse, after wasting a decade in litigation and paying high rates, repeal at best would leave us right where we are now.

The new law already is delivering major environmental benefits in a region that violated EPA's smog standards 31 times last summer. Because of restructuring, we are building power plants that pollute 1/20th as much as the existing units they will replace.

Pollution matters. Electric utilities are responsible for two-thirds of the acid rain that degrades New England's forests and lakes. They also account for

a third of the mercury, a deadly neurotoxin, that we release into the air. More than 30 percent of both the manmade carbon dioxide, which causes global warming, and oxides of nitrogen, a major component in smog, pour from the smokestacks of coal- and oil-fired power plants. Coal sludge becomes toxic waste. Used radioactive fuel often is stored on site. The discharge of heated water can kill marine life.

The Massachusetts law requires power suppliers to compete for the privilege of providing electricity to the public. This will force older and more expensive plants to close for good. The replacement team will consist of vastly cleaner and more efficient units, many of them powered by natural gas. Natural gas contains no heavy metals or sulfur, and emits only half the carbon dioxide and far less nitrogen oxides than existing generators. The bottom line: utility restructuring will protect the air and our lungs from millions of tons of air pollutants.

New demand also will be satisfied through energy-efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

A Yes vote on Question 4 will ensure we make good on a \$600

million commitment to increased energy efficiency during the next five years. Efficiency is the cleanest and cheapest way to invest in energy services. Massachusetts energy-saving programs already have created more than 20,000 new jobs, saved state ratepayers more than \$1 billion, reduced our year energy needs by enough to power another Worcester, and avoided burning the equivalent of 500,000 tons of coal.

The law also supports development of promising renewable technologies. These will be essential if the region is to maintain a balanced, self-sufficient and non-toxic energy system in the 21st century. Together, the global warming reductions from the efficiency and renewables provisions will equal the removal of nearly half a million cars from our roads.

If you were given a choice — you could continue to enjoy all this today, or you could wait 10 years, pay millions in legal fees, and then, maybe, get nothing at all — what would you do? We hope you'll agree that a Yes vote on Question 4 this November 3 is a very sound idea.

Doug Foy is president of the Conservation Law Foundation. Richard Kennelly is a CLF staff attorney specializing in energy and transportation issues.

BY JOHN T. O'CONNOR

NO ON  
QUESTION 4

There are no second acts in American lives," F. Scott Fitzgerald once wrote. Fortunately for our democracy, that isn't always the case. On Nov. 3, voters have the opportunity to repeal the state's already-compromised electricity deregulation law. Then we will have a rare second chance to move toward a 30-percent rate cut, open up the market for electricity and what Ralph Nader has called "one of the biggest consumer ripoffs in Massachusetts history."

Passed into law last year before many Beacon Hill legislators had grasped its long-term implications, the deregulation law will cost the typical family as much as \$3,000. That's because the law forces ratepayers to swallow 100 percent of the cost of the utility's bad investments or "stranded costs" — like nuclear power and overpriced power contracts — while their shareholders get a free ride. Does this make good business sense? No less an authority than *Business Week* editorialized that "regulators should force utilities to bear most of the costs that could have been avoided with prudence and foresight, such as uneeded, gold-plated generating plants."

Even the much-heralded, modest rate cut is looking shaky. Utilities that lose money offering the "guaranteed" discount to consumers can actually raise their rates in the future to recoup their losses.

The roughly \$5 per month in savings is a slap in the face to Massa-

chusetts ratepayers, even if it were guaranteed. Electric rates in Massachusetts were 50 percent higher than the national average before the bill passed and still rank among the highest in the nation. Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, who was involved in negotiating the law, earlier said, "a target price reduction of at least 25 percent for all customers does not appear to be an overly optimistic goal."

Harshbarger was right. After repeal sends the law back to the Legislature, lawmakers can do three things to make the tripling of the current rate cut a reality: 1) Make shareholders bear the cost of unwise investments made by the executives they hired, as they would in any privately-owned corporation. 2) Delete the provision that forces ratepayers to foot the bill for utilities' anticipated profits on their unwise investments (yes, such a provision really is in the law); and 3) Introduce real competition, not just for big corporations, who get the best deals on power under the new law, but for residential users and small businesses.

Now, utility bigwigs are spending huge amounts to safeguard their bailout. Power companies spent \$2 million of ratepayer money to win this law on Beacon Hill. Now they are spending many millions more on the campaign to keep the law and are littering the airwaves with

feel-good commercials that patronize consumers with misleading claims. One almost expects their next commercial to guarantee a Red Sox World Series win or completion of the Big Dig by Thanksgiving.

For instance, the T.V. spots say that the law is good for families and the environment. If that's so, why do the state's leading consumer and environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, MassPIRG and Clean Water Action, support repeal? In reality, the law guts funding for energy conservation programs, does nothing to clean up the state's dirtiest power plants (even subsidizing the continued operation of the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth), and eliminates the requirement that a company must establish a need for a power plant before it can build one in a Massachusetts community.

It should not come as a surprise to learn, therefore, that 96 percent of the money flowing into the coffers of the opposition on this ballot question comes from the very same utility monoliths who stand to benefit from this law. But you won't hear that from the soft-focus spots aired by the law's proponents.

Hindsight is only a comfort when we can still do something about the past. And voters can do something. By voting NO on Question 4 we can start down the road to an equitable deregulation plan that does far less for the utilities' shareholders and far more for average men and women across our state.

John O'Connor leads the Campaign for Fair Electric Rates.



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